

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview of June 3, 2010, and agrees with the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed June 14, 2010.

Claims 62-82 and 85-88 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Gheimecker. Applicants respectfully traverse.

As discussed during the telephone interview, Gheimecker does not teach to use and maintain the sodium and potassium levels at the ranges presently claimed, to render an aqueous coating solution that has the described benefits. Thus, this rejection must be withdrawn. Additionally, the particular substrates are not

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As stressed by the undersigned during the telephone interview, Schubach does not disclose the claimed sodium/potassium content nor can one discern the claimed alkali metal content from Schubach. Also, the nitrate of Schubach may be provided as an alkali nitrate, but the nitrate is present in amounts from 0.5 to 20 g/L, and, furthermore, layer silicates may be added that contain lithium (see col. 4, lines 1-17).

Since each and every feature is not taught or suggested by the cited references, all rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 41-88 were provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims USSN 10/555,929. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection was unintended because those claims were canceled. Clarification is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. DNAG-297-US.

Respectfully submitted

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